

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

An optical recording/reproducing apparatus for recording,
reproducing or erasing an information signal onto/from an optical
disc having at least a transparent substrate and an information
layer by converging a light flux on the information layer through
the transparent substrate. The apparatus includes optical
converging devices, with different numerical apertures, focal
distances or working distances, such as objective lenses or
grating lenses, for performing aberration correction over a
plurality of transparent substrates of different thicknesses of
optical discs and a device for discriminating the type of optical
disc based on the thicknesses of the transparent substrates. One
of the optical converging devices that generates the least
aberration is used according to a result of the discrimination of
the thickness of the optical disk loaded in the apparatus to
cause the information signal to be suitably recorded, reproduced
or erased onto/from the optical discs having the different
substrate thicknesses.